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Bus Gratis: UM *shuttle* Arrives

ED FISHEL

Last academic year, the University community lobbied for a shuttle bus service in several monthly Q&A sessions with President Jay A. Perman, MD, and the administration responded. The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) has launched UM *shuttle*.

In mid-August, buses started taking faculty, staff, and students, and University of Maryland Medical Center employees on three separate routes as far as Mount Vernon, Fort Avenue, and the Inner Harbor, free of charge.

“Designed to serve residential and high commercial areas in downtown Baltimore frequented by our University community, the shuttle allows our constituents to move around the city in a safe, efficient, and reliable way,” says Flavius Lilly, MPH, assistant vice president for academic and student affairs.

“The shuttle is exciting,” Lilly says, “because it enhances our urban environment and makes the city more livable. Easing access to the University, the shuttle contributes to a safer city, cleaner environment, and better quality of life for those associated with UMB.”

The shuttle will operate from 6 a.m. until midnight during weekdays and 5 p.m. until midnight on the weekends and during the summer. Each route will have multiple buses.

Take note: There will be no service on University holidays and riders will always need to show a valid University or Medical Center ID card.

Details of UM *shuttle*’s three routes—BioPark, Federal Hill, and Mount Vernon—

are available at www.umaryland.edu/shuttlebus.

Additionally, smartphone users will be able to follow the location and arrival times of buses through the free NextBus app.

The Southern Management Corporation Campus Center offers an information desk with shuttle tracking boards. There is a shuttle hub for all routes at the corner of Pine and Baltimore streets.

The UM *shuttle* replaces the Caravan service, which was a site-to-site transportation service available during limited hours on or near the campus. The wait and ride times were long and only a small number of individuals used the service. UM *shuttle* does not replace police escorts from the University of Maryland Police Force.

Bus stops are marked with UM *shuttle* signs, buses are equipped with Wi-Fi, and will have bike racks and be American Disabilities Act compliant in October.

Shuttle routes have been designed to connect with other public transportation options such as the Charm City Circulator and Light Rail.

The University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) Department of Transportation was instrumental in the UM *shuttle* service’s design.

“UMCP is considered an expert in university transit services across the country,” says Robert Milner, MS, CAPP, director of parking and transportation services for the University.

The Department of Public Safety also is working with student affairs and parking services to make the new UM *shuttle* program not only a better transportation



PHOTOS BY STEVE BERBERICH

UM *shuttle* routes connect with the Charm City Circulator, making getting around Baltimore more convenient.

program, but a safe and secure one as well.

“I consider the new shuttle service an integral part of our commitment to maintain a safe environment for our University community,” says Antonio Williams, MS, chief of police and assistant vice president of public safety.

“The UM *shuttle* demonstrates that we have listened, understood, and responded to the needs of our students,” says Lilly. “It represents our commitment to the safety and security of our University community. And

while it meets an immediate need, it is also a symbol of our pledge to environmental sustainability, our commitment to carbon neutrality, and our desire to reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles.”

For route maps and much more, visit www.umaryland.edu/shuttlebus. Follow UM *shuttle* on Facebook (www.facebook.com/UMShuttle) and Twitter (@UMShuttle).

Clare Banks contributed to this article.



ZACHARY SCHONFIELD

Malawian children pump well water.



UM MALAWI PROJECT

University of Maryland Malawi Project students with Nettie Dzabala (second from right in yellow), a pharmacist and professor at the University of Malawi College of Medicine.

University Students Collaborate in the Study of Maternal and Child Health in Malawi

ED FISHEL

Twelve students, representing each of the University’s six professional schools, spent July and August in Malawi conducting a six-week study of maternal and child health care services. From a local, national, and international perspective, the project’s purpose was to determine if gaps in care exist, and, if so, why.

The students worked together to administer the World Health Organization’s Safe Motherhood Survey in the rural district of



ZACHARY SCHONFIELD

Pharmacy student Monet Stanford blows bubbles with local children.

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MESSAGE *from* THE PRESIDENT



All of us remember times in our lives when we had to stand up for what’s right. Maybe it was confronting a childhood bully, or a company that overcharged us.

We stood up for our principles and did the right thing, which is the way I feel about the topic I will address in this column.

Several months ago, the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America

asked me to accept a health care leadership award at an event in October. The Boy Scouts organization does many wonderful things, such as develop character and train members to be responsible citizens. This award luncheon in particular helps fund Scouting opportunities for children with special health needs. Given my background as a pediatrician and my lifelong devotion to kids who have special health care needs, my first reaction was to accept the award with pride. After all, I once was a Cub Scout myself.

Then, a few weeks ago, the media reports began to circulate that the Boy Scouts of America recently reaffirmed its opposition to allowing openly gay children as Scouts and openly gay adults as Scoutmasters. The policy distressed me, both as a child advocate and as a proponent of civility, inclusiveness, and diversity. I wondered how could I, as the president of an institution that holds diversity and inclusion as a core value, be identified with such an organization? Beyond my presidency, how could I, as someone whose entire professional career has been devoted to children, accept an award from an organization that, through its policies, says to children that certain people are different, and therefore are not to be included?

After several sleepless nights, I decided what I had to do. I confronted the leadership of the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts. I was pleased to learn that the leaders don’t agree with the national organization’s position. But that wasn’t enough to placate me.

I told the local Boy Scout leaders the only way I would accept their award was if they allowed me to take the microphone and respectfully say what I think about this policy. I fully expected my request to be declined. But the local Boy Scout leaders surprised me. Not only did they say they’d be happy to allow me to speak, but they said they would videotape my remarks and post them on their social media outlets and website.

I believe it is critical to set an example of inclusiveness in every way possible, to lead by example, and to show how proud we are of our very diverse and progressive University community. Those who hear my message will know the Baltimore Boy Scouts are setting the example, too, that they want to be more inclusive.

The result of all of this is that I will attend the Boy Scout luncheon at Oriole Park on Oct. 31 and accept the honor alongside Henry Brem, MD, who is director of

neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins. I am going to reiterate in my remarks that it is not acceptable for an organization totally devoted to children to insist on a policy of non-inclusiveness. Not in this day and age when so many examples of intolerance and non-inclusiveness continue to plague our society.

I will point to our strategic plan, in which diversity is a major theme, and our President’s Diversity Advisory Council, which in addition to race, is focused on inclusiveness as it relates to gender, sexual orientation, and caring about LGBT issues.

But I will also speak to them as a pediatrician and a father: Scouts teaching children that certain other children shouldn’t be included among them is the wrong message. It is unacceptable and it should not stand. This isn’t about what’s best for me. This is about what’s best for the children.

Jay A. Perman

JAY A. PERMAN, MD
PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Jarrell: ‘We’re Making a Lot of Progress’

With a new semester upon us, Chris Zang, managing editor, Office of Communications and Public Affairs, sat down with Bruce Jarrell, MD, FACS, chief academic and research officer and senior vice president and dean of the Graduate School.

What changes do you see in the coming months?

I see a broad set of changes taking place. Some are external to the University, such as improving our relationships with the surrounding neighborhoods. Some are internal, such as looking at processes within the University at the campus level and how they relate to each school. If you’re asking about big, specific changes, the new UM *shuttle*, the *MPowering the State* initiative with College Park, and implementing the strategic plan certainly would qualify.

Speaking of changes, you have moved since last time we met.

Yes, in addition to some title changes, the senior leadership has been physically reorga-

nized with Pete Gilbert [chief operating officer and senior vice president], Kathy Byington [chief administration and finance officer and vice president], and myself now sharing a suite of offices in the Lexington Building. It is working out quite well.

Put on your chief academic research hat for a minute and tell us what’s happening with *MPowering the State*, our structured collaboration with the University of Maryland, College Park.

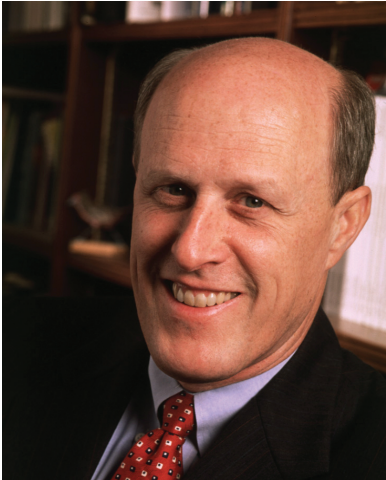
Well, the two scholars from College Park who started here this summer are finishing up. They conducted research as well as shadowed some faculty and faculty physicians. We’re making a lot of progress on UM Ventures, a joint institute to promote tech transfer and commercialization through collaborative leadership. The Center for Biomedical Informatics and Imaging has been moving along very well. We’ve already received provisional accreditation for our Collaborative School of Public Health. A lot of work has been done to gain library access for groups at both campuses, and now we have a system to manage grants across

the campuses, too. A ton of things are happening. As additional funding is found, that will allow us to do even more.

What’s new in the Graduate School?

The roles of Roger Ward [chief accountability officer and associate VP] and Flavius Lilly [assistant VP, academic and student affairs] have expanded. Dr. Ward has greater responsibility for organizing and leading University efforts to monitor federal, state, and system policies and regulations. Mr. Lilly has taken on greater oversight for campus life services, including the campus center. He is also involved in helping to establish collaborative academic programs within the Graduate School. In the future we will take a broader look at more clearly defining the role and identity of the Graduate School.

In addition, Dr. Perman has asked me to continue to oversee the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) in my overall University role. The HRPP and its office [HRPO] provides support for the UMB Institutional Review Board, which conducts ethical and scientific review, compliance, and oversight activi-



Bruce Jarrell

ties for clinical research protocols and provides training for research involving human subjects. There will be a concerted effort in the months ahead to educate the University community on the HRPO’s important work.

I know you’ve been involved in the new UM *shuttle*, but I also heard you were on another bus with University leaders?

Yes, Brian Sturdivant and the Office of Government and Community Affairs recently

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Jennifer Litchman

TENESS HERMAN

Litchman Heads University Communications

RONALD HUBE

Jennifer Litchman, MA, an employee at the University for more than a dozen years, was named chief communications officer and vice president in August.

Litchman, who has a master’s degree in public communication, oversees the University’s internal and external communications, branding and marketing, media relations, social media communications, publications, editorial operations, special events, and Web development functions. She was appointed to the post on an interim basis last year.

Litchman, a native of Iowa who now lives in

Annapolis, is also special assistant to the University president, a position she has held since January 2011. In that role, she serves as the principal executive on the president’s initiatives in areas such as childhood obesity, wellness, and civility. She also advises the president on image, outreach, and communications strategies.

Before arriving in the president’s office, Litchman worked for 12 years at the School of Medicine, where she established the Office of Public Affairs. She was later promoted to assistant dean at the medical school, with responsibilities including strategic planning, crisis communications, and community relations.

Her professional experience prior to the University of Maryland includes serving as the public information manager for the Business Roundtable, a nonprofit public policy organization of chief executive officers. Projects that Litchman directed at the Business Roundtable include a national media launch at Camden Yards of a public service advertising campaign featuring Cal Ripken and President Bill Clinton. She also has worked on Capitol Hill for the National Republican Congressional Committee and for the House of Representatives.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to

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Abrams, Fahie, Kauffman Win Faculty Awards From Board of Regents

Three faculty members from the University have received Faculty Awards this year from the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents.

The annual awards are USM’s highest honors for exemplary performance by faculty throughout USM, which includes 12 institutions in the state. Winners at the University are Thomas Abrams, PhD, professor in the departments of pharmacology and anesthesiology at the School of Medicine; Vanessa Fahie, PhD, RN, assistant professor in the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health at the School of Nursing; and Karen Kauffman, PhD, CRNP-BC, associate professor and chair of the School of Nursing’s Department of Family and Community Health.

Each award includes a \$1,000 prize. Abrams, who won in the teaching category, was recognized for establishing two innovative courses—the Proseminar on Hypoth-

esis Testing and Experimental Design and the Core Course for Graduate Program in Life Sciences students. The Core Course focuses on the use of contemporary techniques to address important biomedical questions in the 21st century.

Fahie, who has devoted her career to helping educationally and environmentally disadvantaged students, won a Faculty Award in the mentoring category. Recent achievements include developing programs to foster sensitivity among health profession students to diverse populations, and designing and spearheading a college completer program.

Kauffman, a longtime advocate for people with Alzheimer’s disease and their families, won a Faculty Award for public service. As a member



From left: William “Brit” Kirwin, chancellor, USM; Karen Kauffman; Vanessa Fahie; Patricia Florestano, 2011-12 chair, Board of Regents; and Dr. Perman.

of the national Alzheimer’s Association board of directors, Kauffman has been instrumental in expediting access to Social Security disability and supplemental income benefits for people with early onset of the disease.



Susan Hannah Hadary and John Anglim

HEATHER GRAHAM PHELPS

John Anglim, MA, and Susan Hannah Hadary, MA, producers at MedSchool Maryland Productions (MMP) at the School of Medicine, won a regional Emmy Award for their documentary *Departing Rosewood*. Anglim accepted the award during a ceremony at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., on June 16.

The film won in the category of Program Specials in Public/Current/Community Affairs, competing against a production on education reform by an NBC television station in Washington and one on fighting crime by a CBS affiliate in Norfolk, Va.

MedSchool Maryland Productions Scores Emmy

Departing Rosewood depicts the life of Steven Corderman, now age 37, as he transitioned to living in the community from life at the Rosewood Center, a Maryland facility for people with developmental delays that was closed by the state in 2009. The film premiered in a prime-time slot on Maryland Public Television on March 23, 2011.

Located in Owings Mills in Baltimore County, the Rosewood Center—founded in 1888 as an asylum for the “feeble-minded”—had garnered criticism about the care of its residents. A movement in the 1960s to deinstitutionalize people with developmental disabilities continues today, with more and more people being integrated into mainstream society.

The film follows Corderman as he leaves Rosewood and captures moments in his transition, such as when he figures out how to unlock the door of his first apartment.

“These are the pieces, the bits of Steven’s life, on which his story turns,” Anglim says.

MMP has produced many hours of programming for media outlets including the

Discovery Channel and HBO. Hadary has three decades of experience documenting the world of individuals with special needs, and for the past five years has partnered with producer/photojournalist Anglim, who films and edits their collaborative work. Their combined awards roster includes a Peabody Award and more than 12 Emmy Awards.

Anglim and Hadary have co-produced numerous programs for the University of Maryland and the School of Medicine. *Departing Rosewood* is their first broadcast documentary collaboration.

“We very much encourage the School of Medicine and other schools on this campus to include us when they write proposals or if they are thinking about training materials, public relations materials, or fundraising videos,” Hadary says. “We would love to brainstorm with you about how we can help translate your ideas into video.”

For more information on MedSchool Maryland Productions, contact Hadary at 6-5497 or shadary@som.umaryland.edu.

Children Engage in ‘Better My Identity’ Activities to Improve Nutrition, Fitness

PATRICIA FANNING

Nearly 40 children learned about safety, nutrition, and wellness and had fun exercising—trying out yoga and Zumba—during a health fair conducted by students and faculty from the schools of medicine and social work.

Held at Historic Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (HSCT) Elementary School, the fair drew children between the ages of 4 and 12 who live in the surrounding community of Upton/Druid Heights, which is served by Promise Heights. A School of Social Work-led initiative, Promise Heights is comprised of several schools at the University that collaborate with public, private, and faith-based partners to improve families’ lives.

Yvette Rooks, MD, CAQ, FFAFP, assistant professor of family and community medicine at the School of Medicine, several family medicine residents, and a medical student offered fair-goers the Better My Identity program—a nutri-

tion and fitness initiative of the Department of Family and Community Medicine. Through a grant funded by the American Academy of Family Medicine and the Americans in Motion-Healthy Interventions (AIM-HI), the program aims to combat pediatric obesity. The grant was awarded to the medical school’s Family and Community Medicine Residency Program in 2011.

“Better My Identity has been a vital addition to our residency training program as our residents are now equipped with the tools to educate children of our practice about wellness with a focus on nutrition and physical activity,” said Rooks, director of the residency program. “Our Saturday morning program has been a great success, and the children and parents who have participated are making great healthy changes in their lives.”

Upon arrival at HSCT Elementary School, each child received a “passport” and set out to fill in the blanks with personal health infor-



Borczak (center) in “tree” pose with HSCT students.

mation such as body mass index and blood pressure by visiting the health care providers at the fair. The children acquired stickers on their passports by engaging in activities intended to help them get fit, keep safe, and stay well. They learned about nutrition in a section where playing with your food was not against the rules, and also learned proper handwashing techniques.

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public SAFETY

Personal Safety Tips

Preventing crime and keeping our community safe is everyone’s business. Everyone has a stake in the prevention of crime and everyone can help. Here’s what you can do to help in our crime prevention effort.

- Don’t walk alone at night. Walk with friends or use the police escort (6-6882) and the new campus shuttle bus (see page 1 or visit www.umaryland.edu/shuttlebus).

- Walk in well-lit areas.

- Be street smart. Know where you need to go and the safest way to get there by planning your route ahead of time. Avoid wearing headphones and using your cellphone while walking.

- Don’t advertise your valuables. Secure them properly. Don’t leave book bags, laptops, or electronics unattended and unprotected.

- Be careful online. Be cautious about sharing personal information, especially with people you don’t know.

- Use good judgment. Trust your instincts. If something doesn’t feel safe, it probably isn’t.

- Communicate. Share your concerns with the University’s Department of Public Safety so that the police can take appropriate action. File a report if a crime occurs on campus.

You may reach the Department of Public Safety by dialing 711 for emergencies from any campus phone, 410-706-3333 for emergencies from a noncampus phone, or by using any of the emergency blue light phones throughout the campus. For non-emergencies you may contact the Department of Public Safety by dialing 6-6882 from a campus phone or 410-706-6882 from a noncampus phone.

Remember: Safety begins with you!



LAURELS

The first-place winners of this year's Inter-professional Patient Management Competition for University students, which took place recently at the School of Pharmacy, were **Daniel Ceppos** from the School of Nursing; **Nancy Eddy**, School of Social Work; **Bonnie Gilbert**, School of Medicine; **Anna Le**, School of Pharmacy; and **Hanna Levinson**, Francis King Carey School of Law.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

John Basile, DDS, DMSc, assistant professor; **Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS**, chair of the Department of Endodontics, Prosthodontics, and Operative Dentistry; and **Bernard Levy, DDS, MSD**, director of global operations, have been named top dentists by *Baltimore* magazine. The magazine lists Fouad as one of the city's top endodontists, and Basile and Levy as two of the top oral pathologists.

FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW

The **Environmental Law Clinic** received the American Bar Association's 2012 Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy during the association's annual meeting in Chicago in August. The clinic, directed by professor **Jane Barrett, JD**, also has received a \$150,000 grant from the Town Creek Foundation in Easton, Md., to support the clinic's work representing a nonprofit environmental group.

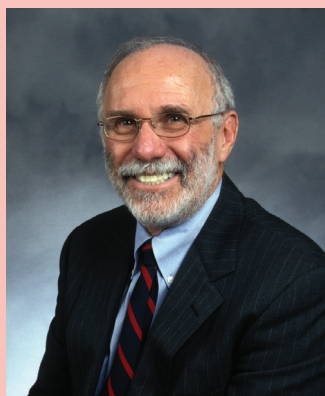


Toby Guerin

GYNESE SULLIVAN

The **Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM)** has received the 2012 Commitment to Collaborative Conflict Resolution Award from Community Mediation Maryland in recognition of its work on the Maryland Mediation Confidentiality Act, its efforts to reduce student truancy through the use of mediation, and for the center's Conflict Resolution Education in Maryland Schools program. C-DRUM's **Barbara Grochal, MBA, MAT; Toby Guerin, JD; Stacy Smith**; and **Roger Wolf, JD**, were lauded. The center also was recently awarded its first federal funding—a \$20,628 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide mediation training.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Myron Levine

MARK TESKE

Myron Levine, MD, DTPH, Grollman Distinguished Professor, director of the Center for Vaccine Development, and head of the Division of Geographic Medicine, has won the American Society for Microbiology's Maurice Hilleman/Merck Award. The prestigious award recognizes major contributions to pathogenesis, vaccine discovery, vaccine development, and control of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Mayur Narayan, MD, MPH, MBA, assistant professor of surgery, recently received the 2012 Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence from the American Medical Student Association, the country's oldest and largest independent association of physicians-in-training. The award was presented during the organization's 2012 annual convention, held in Houston.



E. Albert Reece

E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, dean and John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and the University's vice president for medical affairs, is the 2012 winner of the Norbert Freinkel Lecture Award, presented by the American Diabetes Association (ADA). Reece delivered this year's Norbert Freinkel Lecture, "Unraveling the Biomolecular Mechanisms of Diabetic Embryopathy," during the ADA's scientific sessions held in June in Philadelphia.



Yvette Rooks

ROBERT BURKE

Yvette Rooks, MD, CAQ, FAAFP, vice chair of family and community medicine, received the John M. Dennis Award from the Western Maryland Area Health Education Center. The award recognized Rooks for her support of professional health education in Western Maryland.

SCHOOL OF NURSING



Jeffrey Johnson

Jeffrey Johnson, PhD, director of the Office of Global Health, was recently presented the 2012 Master of Public Health (MPH) Outstanding Faculty Teacher/Mentor Award as chosen by MPH students in the School of Medicine. Johnson received the honor during an awards ceremony held by the medical school's Department of Epidemiology and Public Health.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Alfred Abramson, RPh, assistant professor, recently received the Seidman Distinguished Achievement Award from the Maryland Pharmacists Association (MPhA). The honor recognizes outstanding service by a Maryland pharmacist to the pharmacy profession. **Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD**, vice chair for education in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, recently received the MPhA's Mentor Award. McPherson also has received a presidential citation from the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association.

Maureen Kane, PhD, assistant professor, was recently named the School's American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Teacher of the Year. AACP Teacher of the Year honorees are chosen by the organization's member institutions. **Robert Michocki, PharmD**, professor, has been named Teacher of the Year by the School's Class of 2012. Michocki, a pharmacotherapy specialist who has written and lectured extensively in the areas of geriatric pharmaceutical practice and preventive care, has won the Teacher of the Year Award eight previous times.

Student pharmacists **Kashelle Lockman**, **Karen Partlow**, and **Alexandra Rouse** have won the American College of Clinical Pharmacy's local Clinical Pharmacy Challenge. The quiz-bowl-type contest pits teams of three students from schools and colleges against each other to test their knowledge of the pharmacy profession.

James Trovato, PharmD, MBA, associate professor, has been named chair of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) House of Delegates for 2012-2013. The House of Delegates has authority over ASHP's professional policies, which express the organization's stance on issues related to health-system pharmacy practice and to medication use.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



Philip Osteen

ROBERT BURKE

"Motivations, Values, and Conflict Resolution: Students Integration of Personal and Professional Identities," an article by **Philip Osteen, PhD, MSW**, assistant professor, has been chosen as the *Journal of Social Work Education's* Best Empirical Article of 2011. Osteen and the journal's other winners of best article awards will be honored during the Council on Social Work Education's Annual Program Meeting in Washington, D.C., in November.

University System of Maryland Board of Regents Awards

Call for Nominations!

Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Celebrate the entrepreneurial contributions of the University of Maryland System (USM) faculty and staff to the Maryland business community and economy. Applicants must be full-time USM faculty or staff members. Email completed application or questions to award@usmd.edu. Application deadline: Oct. 12. For more information, visit www.usmd.edu/entrepreneur.

Faculty Awards

Regents' Faculty Awards recognize distinguished performance on the part of faculty members. They are the highest honor presented by the Board of Regents to exemplary faculty members. Application deadline: Dec. 7. For more information, visit www.usmd.edu/usm/academicaffairs/regfac.txt.

Do you want to nominate someone for a Board of Regents Entrepreneur, Faculty, or Staff Award?

Staff Awards

The Council of University System Staff (CUSS) staff awards represent the highest honor bestowed by the Board of Regents for achievements of USM exempt and non-exempt employees. Application deadline: Nov. 1. For more information or to make a nomination, please contact Christopher Thomas, CUSS representative, at cthomas@coppin.edu.



Carey Law Hosts Global Environmental Law Meeting

JEFFREY RAYMOND

The Environmental Law Program at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law—long ranked among the best in its field nationally by *U.S. News and World Report*—took center stage this summer in an international meeting of environmental law scholars. The program turns 25 this year and the colloquium helped celebrate its inception.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law is a global network of environmental law professors. The organization’s annual colloquia provide a unique opportunity for environmental experts to monitor developments in environmental law and policy around the planet. This year’s meeting at the law school, July 1-5, followed by just a few days a huge global environmental gathering in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, giving the IUCN participants a fresh platform of news and ideas for their conference.

“We hoped to host the best colloquium the academy has ever had in terms of the largest number of participants, the most interesting panel discussions and presentations, and the best side events,” said Robert Percival, JD, MA, Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law, a member of the IUCN Academy and chief organizer of the event. “We definitely accomplished this goal.”

Panels included an opening plenary at which speakers—among them a Brazilian high court judge and the regional director of the United Nations Environment Program—discussed the Rio+20 conference, which made news around the world. Other topics included biodiversity and land use, environmental enforcement options, sustainable development, and climate change. Since the conference ran on July 4, attendees got a chance to



From left: Law school dean Phoebe Haddon, JD, LL.M.; Joel Fedder, JD '58; and Robert Percival.

watch Baltimore celebrate Independence Day with a harbor cruise and crab feast amid the fireworks.

Maryland was selected to host the colloquium, Percival said, because of the nationally renowned quality of its Environmental Law Program, which he directs. Percival also notes that the UM Carey Law environmental program has long emphasized the global reach of environmental issues. Percival frequently teaches and consults in China on environmental law, and has made hundreds of presentations in dozens of countries on six continents.

Organizers estimate that 250 people from more than 30 countries attended the colloquium.

faculty SENATE

Seeking a Voice on ‘MPowering’ Team

Before the Maryland General Assembly mandated a study to explore opportunities for alliances between the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), UMB President Jay A. Perman, MD, and UMCP President Wallace D. Loh, PhD, were considering how the institutions could create a culture of collaboration.

After meetings on both campuses, visions and objectives, opportunities for resource sharing, and creative interfaces were identified and *MPowering the State* was created.

MPowering the State work groups were formed on both campuses to focus on academic programs, finances, technology, and philanthropy to empower UMB, UMCP, and the state.

Initiatives such as Health Information and Imaging have a timeline for clear deliverables through collaboration among the schools of law, medicine, nursing, and pharmacy. Synergies between UMB and UMCP also are moving forward through the creation of a Collaborative School of Public Health. Joint programming at the Universities at Shady Grove is awaiting state funding.

Several UMB faculty senators are involved in these work groups and believe that collaborative efforts such as access to libraries and the merger of intellectual property and licensing can be accomplished relatively quickly. Other efforts, such as opportunities for joint appointments, may take greater negotiation.

The UMB Faculty Senate has asked the University administration for a “seat at the table” in regards to *MPowering the State*. This will ensure faculty participation in collaborative efforts and the forging of future alliances. The voice of the faculty, represented by the Faculty Senate, supports *MPowering the State* and is excited about its possibilities.

Deborah Witt Sherman, PhD, CRNP, ANP-BC, ACHPN, FAAN
Professor and Co-Director, Developing Center of Excellence in Palliative Care School of Nursing

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Chikhwawa, in the southern region of Malawi. Chikhwawa is one of the largest and most populated districts in Malawi, and also one of the poorest. The government health facilities include two hospitals and 12 health care centers.

The project is funded by the University’s Office of the President and the Global Health Interprofessional Council.

At the end of the six weeks, the students and faculty prepared a report on their findings, including an assessment of maternal and child health in Chikhwawa, a human rights perspective, and an interprofessional analysis of the project. Many of the students say the project highlighted the need for each profession to provide services to patients and providers while advocat-

ing for policy change. Students working on the project were Katie Januario and Dasha Smith from the



Children practice brushing their teeth with toothbrushes donated by the School of Dentistry.

School of Social Work, Vera Kuffour-Manu and Dorothy Njathi from the School of Nursing, Kristin Lohr and Sarah Britz from the School of Medicine, Maria Maunz and Monet Stanford from the School of Pharmacy, Jonathan Nagel and Ashley LaRicca from the Francis King Carey School of Law, and Norman Wang and Zachary Schonfield from the School of Dentistry.

Faculty included Miriam Laufer, MD, and Emilie Calvello, MD, MPH, from the School of Medicine; Jody Olsen, PhD, MSW, from the School of Social Work; Peter Danchin, JSD, LL.M., LL.B., and Virginia Rowthorn, JD, from the Carey School of Law; and Mary Regan, PhD, RN, MS, and Barbara Smith, PhD, RN, FAAN, from the School of Nursing.

For more information, visit the University of Maryland Malawi Project on Facebook.

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took 18 of us on a bus tour of UMB community engagement sites in West Baltimore, including schools and health centers. Some of the schools we already impact through the President’s Outreach Council and CLUB UMD, as well as the SWCOS and Promise Heights programming through the School of Social Work. It was an eye-opening experience; there is much more to do.

My friends on the Sustainability Steering Committee want to know how your Chevy VOLT is doing?

I love it! I can see the garage charging station from my office. I’m getting 171 miles a gallon. Basically what that means is I run on battery

80 to 90 percent of the time. I don’t even know what side the gas tank is on.

I know you are an accomplished metalsmith who, among your many projects, has made two mace holders and the Davidge elm installation at the Campus Center. I’d be remiss if I didn’t ask about any future projects at the University.

Oh, I have a good one for you. Sam Fauver and his Facilities associates found a piece of the original Davidge elm tree for a future project. We sawed it up into boards and it’s gorgeous wood. Now we are looking into how to use that wood for a School or the entire University.

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join President Perman’s leadership team,” says Litchman. “This is an exciting time for the University of Maryland. Never before has there been such opportunity to interact with our internal and external constituencies. Our strengthened relationships with our partners, cobranding with the University of Maryland Medical Center, our new strategic plan, and the social media explosion give us opportunities that didn’t previously exist to enhance the University’s reputation. I look forward to working with my University colleagues to achieve our communications goals.”

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The Institute for a Healthiest Maryland Announces New Executive Director



Renee Fox

University President Jay A. Perman, MD, and Joshua Sharfstein, MD, secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), have appointed Renee Fox, MD, as executive director of the Institute for a Healthiest Maryland, effective Sept. 1. Fox is an associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine.

Funds from a five-year, \$9.5 million federal Community Transformation Grant that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded to DHMH last year were used to establish the Institute for a Healthiest Maryland, which Perman and Sharfstein envisioned as a guiding resource for transforming Maryland communities into healthy environments. The institute, which was announced during last November’s Summit on Childhood Obesity hosted by the University and DHMH, will focus on improving the health of Maryland residents, translating public health research into practice, and providing technical assistance to local health departments and community organizations.

The focus of the community transformation grant is on three wellness areas: obesity prevention, tobacco-use prevention, and hypertension and high cholesterol management. To accomplish this mission, the institute partnered with several leading educational institutions from across the state, including the following from the University: the Francis King Carey School of Law’s

Legal Resource Center for Tobacco Regulation, Litigation, and Advocacy; the Maryland P³ (Patients, Pharmacists, Partnerships) Program at the School of Pharmacy; the Maryland Hospitals for a Healthy Environment program at the School of Nursing; and the School of Medicine’s Department of Pediatrics. Other partners include the Maryland Quitting Use and Initiation of Tobacco Resource Center at the University of Maryland’s Baltimore County campus; the University of Maryland School of Public Health in College Park; and the Center for Human Nutrition at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

At the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Fox has served as the principal investigator on the B’more for Healthy Babies Upton/Druid Heights program, and recently served on the Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council Health Disparities Workgroup, developing a report recommending methods to decrease health disparities. Throughout her career, she has worked to improve access to and the quality of care for mothers and their infants in Maryland.

“My new position as the executive director of the Institute for a Healthiest Maryland is an exciting next step in my career,” Fox says. “My clinical, administrative, and policy background has prepared me to lead this joint initiative of the University of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. I will support its mission to bring together academic partners and public health practitioners to improve the health of Maryland residents and transform communities.”

The institute and its partners promote collaboration with academics throughout Maryland to improve the health of Maryland residents by guiding policy, systems, and environmental changes in local communities. It provides evidence-based resources from higher education experts, coordinates training and technical assistance, maintains an interactive website, and cultivates policy changes by working with leaders at the local, state, and national levels. For more information on the institute, visit www.healthiestmaryland.org.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH JUNE: Michael Jewell

TRACY GNADINGER

Michael Jewell, information systems support engineer at the Francis King Carey School of Law, always strives to help others, says Greg Smith, manager of information technology at the School.

“Even when he was interviewing for his job,” says Smith, “he was already offering suggestions for repairing the major email server crisis that the law school was experiencing. That is just the type of person that Mike is.”

For this and other reasons, Dean Phoebe A. Haddon, JD, LLM, and other members of the law school community nominated Jewell for a University Employee of the Month Award, which President Jay A. Perman, MD, presented to him in June.

“You’re a great role model,” said Perman. “There are a lot of good people at the University, and you stand out among them.”

“We really appreciate your work,” added Haddon.

Jewell, who began working at the University in 2000, was taken aback by the



TRACY GNADINGER

Dr. Perman and Dean Haddon with Michael Jewell.

award. “It’s a great honor,” he said.

Jewell continues to take on large projects and often works nights, weekends, and holidays to address emergencies and accommodate the daytime schedules of others at the law school.

“He is a tremendous asset to the School of Law and his willingness to do whatever is necessary to keep vital systems operational for the faculty, staff, and students is greatly appreciated,” says Barbara Gontrum, JD, MS, assistant dean for library and technology.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH JULY: Tony Green

RONALD HUBE

As the first transportation demand management manager in the University System of Maryland, Tony Green has developed alternative transportation initiatives such as the CarPOOL program and Hertz On Demand car sharing. He also has brought charging stations for electric cars to campus, installed a bike cage, and succeeded in reserving parking for low emission fuel-efficient vehicles in all University parking garages.

“The programs implemented by Tony reduce our carbon output and offer the campus community various transportation options,” says Robert Milner, MS, CAPP, director of parking and transportation services. Milner also praises Green for his customer service skills.

In recognition of his good work, University President Jay A. Perman, MD, surprised Green with an Employee of the Month Award in July.

“These are things that I brag on us about,” Perman said of Green’s initiatives. The University is on the National Center for Transit Research’s 2012 list of best workplaces for commuters.

Establishing the new services was not always easy. Milner says Green faced a variety of



RONALD HUBE

Tony Green with Dr. Perman.

hurdles and sat through countless meetings with service vendors and local government agencies.

“Although frustrated at times, Tony never gave up,” Milner says. “It is only because of his dedication and willpower that these programs became successful.”

Green says he appreciates the Employee of the Month Award and the help from co-workers that made the transportation initiatives possible.

“I would like to thank my department and everyone who has supported the process,” he says.

Log on to CITS

University’s New Internet Service Streamlines Access Throughout Campus and Other Institutions

The University has enhanced its wireless network with the implementation of eduroam (education roaming), a secure, worldwide, Internet access service developed to support wireless networking for the international research and education community. With eduroam, students, faculty, and staff now have Internet connectivity across campus with one login.

When visiting other participating institutions, such as the University of Maryland’s Baltimore County and College Park campuses, members of the University community sign onto the local wireless network.

Started in Europe, eduroam is now available in 54 countries. In the U.S., 67 educational organizations have adopted it. Instructions for using eduroam are available on the Center for Information Technology Services website, www.umaryland.edu/cits/communications/eduroam. The instructions include procedures for Apple, Windows, and Android devices. Once a device is linked to eduroam, it will “remember” it for future use.

The old campus wireless system will remain available as well for several months in order to ensure a smooth transition.

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In the yoga classroom, instructor Emily Borczak demonstrated several poses intended to help children improve their balance. The skills left an impression on Autumn Atkinson, 4, who was accompanied by her father, Mark Atkinson. “Do you want to see me do the tree pose?” she asked him, standing on one foot.

Zumba, an aerobic dance, drew the most festive crowd, as youngsters exercised to music, led by Tisha Guthrie, MSW ’11, an instructor at URecFit, who was involved in the University’s Childhood Obesity Summit in November 2011.

Many of the youngsters have been attending summer activities at HSCT, which is a partner in the Promise Heights initiative. Candace Baker, MSW ’11, Community

Resource Schools site coordinator at HSCT, was among the fair’s organizers. Others from the School of Social Work were student Liz Buchanan; Rachel Donegan, JD, MSW, Promise Heights programs coordinator; and Gillian Gregory, MSW, LGSW, Community Resource Schools site coordinator for F.L. Templeton Preparatory Academy.

Representing the medical school were Charlotte Watts, a fourth-year student; Marshala Lee, MD, and Chelsea Cosby, MD, family and community medicine second-year residents who helped develop the Better My Identity program; and Andreas Mitchell, a senior at Washington University in St. Louis and summer community medicine intern working with Rooks.

The Baltimore City Health Department and B’more for Healthy Babies also were represented.

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The guide is available online at <http://gogreen.umaryland.edu/tools-and-resources/green-guide>. To get a copy in print, contact the Office of Communications and Public Affairs at cbank002@umaryland.edu.

Read the guide and see how you can help make UMB a more sustainable campus. While you’re at it, let UM Go Green know what you’re doing in your office, department, or school. Email us—gogreen@umaryland.edu. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter at UM Go Green.

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Collaboration Key in Third Year of Wellness Programming

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The Wellness Hub is ready to kick off its third year of programming and services at the University of Maryland (UM). With over 50 events planned this academic year, the Wellness Hub will continue to reach out to students across the campus. Each program seeks to advance wellness and personal and professional development, and to assist students as they work to achieve a state of academic-life balance this academic year.

2012-2013 program partners include the Center for Integrative Medicine, the UM Student Counseling Center, the Office of Financial Assistance and Education, and UM Go Green. Students will find programs on a variety of topics including positive psychology, nutrition, relationship building, environmental awareness, spirituality and health, stress management, and maternal and child health.

The Wellness Hub welcomes all students to assess their current wellness via its online self-assessment tool, which measures strengths within eight dimensions of wellness and academic life balance. Students can then pursue wellness coaching with our trained coaches, who assist them in their personal and professional growth through goal development.

Students who are interested in working with the Wellness Hub are invited to apply for Wellness Fellowships for the fall and spring semesters. Fellows pursue a wide range of duties, including program planning, implementation, and evaluation; social media management; and daily operations. A full job description is available on the financial assistance and education website at www.umaryland.edu/fin/workstudy/jobs.html. Applications are available online at www.wellness.umaryland.edu/about/fellowsduties.html.

For more information on upcoming events, visit www.wellness.umaryland.edu.

Stay connected with the Wellness Hub on Twitter at @WellnessHub and on Facebook at UMB Wellness Hub. In person, visit the third floor of the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center.



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staff SENATE

Staff Senate Elects Officers, Announces Special Projects

The University of Maryland (UM) Staff Senate began a new year by electing officers to its executive committee. Colette Becker was re-elected chair, Carol McKissick was re-elected vice chair, Danielle Brown was elected secretary, and Roy Ross was elected member-at-large. Kenneth Fahnestock will continue in his role as past chair.

Among the many Staff Senate projects this year, 10 members gathered in mid-July to host a cookout at the Ronald McDonald House. Event coordinators Dave DeLooze and Jean Marie Roth would like to acknowledge their sponsors: Fatty Cakes, Corridor Flooring Associates, Bardzik Family Enterprises, Jay's Catering, and the UM BioPark Tenants Association.

This summer, the senate launched an annual drive to collect new backpacks and school supplies. Jean Marie Roth organized the effort and the items were given out at a Back to School Night for students at James McHenry Elementary and Middle School. Roth worked with Brian Sturdivant, MSW, director of community affairs, and Tamie Kelley, a School of Social Work student who has worked at James McHenry for the past year. Roth says, "There is always a need for something like this. It is very easy for people to do and has the potential for a good turnout, while fulfilling a need in the community." Last year, backpacks and supplies were distributed to 100 children through the Family Connections program.

Staff senator Gynene Sullivan, MA, was recently elected chair of the Council of University System Staff (CUSS). Sullivan, who served as vice chair in 2011 and has represented UM on CUSS since 2009, says, "It's exciting and a bit humbling to have the ear of some very important people across the state of Maryland, and to be able to shape the future of higher education in the state."

Nancy Bowers, who was elected co-secretary of CUSS, says, "Working on the executive committee will help me get a better, deeper understanding of the issues that are important to people. I hope that will help me to do a better job serving on the UM Staff Senate and CUSS."

Do you have suggestions for the Staff Senate's 2013 goals? Email sfaffsenate@umaryland.edu or use the online suggestion form at www.umaryland.edu/ssenate/ask.html.

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campus BRIEFS

Annual Campaign to Support Hundreds of Charities

Organizers of this year’s Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC), set to begin at the University in October, hope to raise \$430,000 for a wide variety of charitable organizations.

A statewide program, MCC collects donations from Maryland government employees and retirees through payroll deductions or one-time gifts. Contributions can be designated to specific charities or placed in the general donation pool. Contributors at the University also can direct a donation to a specific account at the University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc. (UMBF)—the University’s office for raising, administering, and investing funds.

The University was awarded the Governor’s Cup for leading all state agencies in MCC contributions in 2012. A breakfast to thank this year’s participants will take place in Westminster Hall in early December.

Faculty and staff will receive pledge cards and directories in late September. Donations also can be made online at www.mdcharity.org. (For online donations to a UMBF account, a copy of the pledge and a UMBF supplemental form must be sent to Bill Crockett, MS, chair of the University’s MCC campaign, at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, Room 303.)

Students can participate in the charity campaign by contacting an MCC coordinator through the dean’s office at their school, or by sending an email to Crockett at bcrockett@umaryland.edu.

Medical School Creates Division of Translational Radiation Sciences

The School of Medicine has created a division in the Department of Radiation Oncology to bring together the department’s basic science research activities in radiation biology. The new Division of Translational Radiation Sciences is led by Zeljko Vujaskovic, MD, PhD, who joined the University on Aug. 6. Vujaskovic was previously a professor and the director of the Normal Tissue Injury Laboratory and the General Clinical Research Center at Duke University Medical Center.

Calling the Department of Radiation Oncology “a cornerstone of the University of Maryland School of Medicine’s burgeoning research enterprise, and a critical part of the world-leading patient care provided by our faculty at the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center,” E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, dean of the School of Medicine and vice president for medical affairs at the University of Maryland, says the new division will “further expand and centralize our cutting-edge research in radiation biology, leading the exploration of new ways to treat and eradicate deadly cancers.”

Vujaskovic will work closely with Thomas MacVittie, PhD, professor of radiation oncology and director of the preclinical radiobiology program. Vujaskovic also will collaborate with division directors and departmental and institutional leaders to formalize a mentorship program for clinical research and clinical science faculty.

“I am looking forward to working with the many highly regarded physician-scientists at the University of Maryland to enhance my own research as well as theirs, and to advance the science of radiation oncology to ultimately help more patients,” says Vujaskovic.

Study Links Common Parasite and Suicidal Behavior

Women infected with the *Toxoplasma gondii* (*T. gondii*) parasite, which is spread through contact with cat feces or eating undercooked meat or unwashed vegetables, are at increased risk of attempting suicide, according to a new study of more than 45,000 women in Denmark. Teodor Postolache, MD, associate

professor of psychiatry and director of the Mood and Anxiety Program at the School of Medicine, is the senior author of the study, which has been published in the *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

“We can’t say with certainty that *T. gondii* caused the women to try to kill themselves, but we did find a predictive association between the infection and suicide attempts later in life that warrants additional studies,” says Postolache, who also is a research faculty member at the University of Maryland Child and Adolescent Mental Health Innovations Center.

About one-third of the world’s population is infected with toxoplasmosis, which has been linked to mental illness and changes in behavior.

The research, funded by the Stanley Medical Research Institute in Maryland and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, is the result of Postolache’s ongoing collaboration with Preben Mortensen, DrMedSc, professor and head of the National Centre for Register-Based Research at the University of Aarhus in Denmark. Postolache’s research team at the University of Maryland was the first to report a connection between *T. gondii* and suicidal behavior in 2009.

Students, Faculty, Staff Participate in Project Homeless Connect

Members of the University community, including representatives of the Francis King Carey School of Law’s JustAdvice clinic and the Institute of Human Virology (IHV) at the School of Medicine, joined hundreds of Maryland organizations and agencies at M&T Bank Stadium in August to help homeless families.

The event, called Project Homeless Connect, followed a national model in which volunteers act as guides for homeless people as they navigate an array of services in areas such as housing and health insurance. Through its Preparing the Future program, the JACQUES Initiative—an IHV program—partnered with the University’s Office of Interprofessional Service Learning and Student Initiatives to provide free, rapid HIV testing and to connect people with care services. Students from the schools of law, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and social work met with 84 people and directed them to various services.

“The students worked as an integrated team with dignity, poise, and respect,” says Allie Reitz, coordinator of community and external affairs for the JACQUES Initiative. “It did not matter what discipline they were from, they complemented each other with the common goal of providing a service to a community in need.”

A 2011 survey counted 4,088 people as homeless on a given night in Baltimore.



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6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22
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Entrepreneur of the Year Award Presentation and Reception

4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23
University of Maryland BioPark, Building II

Student Cookout

Noon Wednesday, Oct. 24
School of Nursing lawn



Researcher of the Year Lecture and Reception

4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24
Davidge Hall and Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry atrium

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- *Billy Elliot: The Musical* – Dec. 18 to 30
- *Beauty and the Beast* – Jan. 22 to Feb. 3
- *Flashdance the Musical* – Feb. 12 to 17
- *Lombardi* – March 5 to 17
- *Green Day’s American Idiot* – May 7 to 12

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
AUGUST: Anne Hughes

TRACY GNADINGER

Making a difference to members of the campus community is what Anne Hughes, financial systems specialist, is all about, says Kevin Curley, Hughes’ supervisor and executive director of the Department of Financial Systems.

For her knowledge, devotion, and support to the campus community, President Jay A. Perman, MD, presented Hughes with the Employee of the Month Award on Aug. 8.

“Thank you very much,” said Hughes. Having been with the University for eight years, Hughes said she likes it here because of the people.

“If I’ve learned anything, it’s due to the help of co-workers, especially people like Kevin,” said Hughes.

As the “go-to person” for University accounting systems, Hughes is an “innovative problem-solver who empathizes with the challenges and frustrations many users face navigating the University’s administrative enterprise,” says Curley, who nominated Hughes for the award.

In addition to her administrative sup-



Dr. Perman with Anne Hughes.

TRACY GNADINGER

port, Hughes is a lead instructor for financial system courses.

“Having someone like Anne whose dedication to doing things right, and doing the right things, with little fanfare and in a more competent manner, is extraordinary,” says Curley. “She is a humble person and a pleasure to work with.”

CALENDAR

Sept. 11
Make Your Work Place a Sustainable Space. UM Go Green offers quick and simple tips for greening your office. Noon to 1 p.m., Southern Management Corporation (SMC) Campus Center, Room 351. Visit <http://gogreen.umaryland.edu/events>.

Sept. 12 to Oct. 10
Mini-Med School 2012, a series of free classes to raise awareness about taking care of one's health and well-being. Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m. Visit <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/minimed>.

Sept. 20
“The Nature of Power,” a workshop presented by Dick Cook, executive director of the Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS), in celebration of SWCOS’ 20th anniversary. 1 to 4:30 p.m., School of Social Work. Visit <http://ssw.umaryland.edu/cpe>.

Sept. 26
40th Anniversary of the Maryland Poison Center. Lecture presented by Bruce Anderson, PharmD, director of operations. Reception to follow. 1 to 2 p.m., Room N103, Pharmacy Hall.

Sept. 27
The Sustainable Event. Nancy Gordon, senior director of University Events, has the lowdown on planning sustainable events. Noon to 1 p.m., SMC Campus Center, Room 351. Visit <http://gogreen.umaryland.edu/events>.

Francis King Carey School of Law Dean’s Convocation Awards Ceremony. To include remarks by William Cohen, former U.S. secretary of defense. 4 p.m., Westminster Hall. Visit www.law.umaryland.edu.

Oct. 1
Spotlight on Baltimore Photographer Anthony McKissic. View and discuss his work. 5 to 7 p.m., fireplace lounge, first floor, SMC Campus Center.

Oct. 10
Spotlight on musician and artist Isabel Umanzor, as she performs Latin American folk music and displays her paintings. Noon to 2 p.m., first floor, SMC Campus Center.

Oct. 15
“Civility and Its Complex and Powerful Role in Human Relations,” presented by Benet Davetian, PhD, associate professor at the University of Prince Edward Island, Canada, and director of the Civility Institute. Part of the President’s Symposium Speaker Series. 5 p.m., Ballroom B, SMC Campus Center.

Oct. 20
American Heart Association’s Greater Baltimore Heart Walk. 9 a.m., Rash Field. To participate with the University or to make a donation, visit <http://greaterbaltimoreheartwalk.org>.

Oct. 22 to 26
Founders Week, an annual celebration of the achievements of University students, faculty, staff, alumni, and philanthropic supporters, and a tribute to the University’s 200-plus-year history. Visit <http://founders.umaryland.edu>.

Through November
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around CAMPUS



RONALD HUBE

Human Resources Services rewards Baltimore high school students for their work in the University-sponsored Youth Works program, a Start on Success Program initiative from the Office of Government and Community Affairs. A partnership among the University, the National Organization on Disabilities, Baltimore City Public Schools, the Baltimore City Office of Employment Development, and Workfirst, Inc., Youth Works provides work-based learning opportunities to educationally and emotionally disabled and disadvantaged students with entry-level work skills.



ED FISHEL

Rachel Donegan, JD, program coordinator for the School of Social Work’s Promise Heights initiative, requested the help of Baltimore community organizer Richie Armstrong’s construction trades three-week training class to help make repairs and paint the walls of Historic Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School (HSCT). A University neighbor, HSCT did not have the funds to make the repairs. Promise Heights provides children at West Baltimore schools—such as HSCT—with educational, social, physical, and economic opportunities to help them succeed in work and family life. Armstrong and 25 volunteers from the class are pictured above.

Global Health Students Study HIV Care in Nigeria

PATRICIA FANNING

Collaborating across campuses and across continents, social work students and faculty from the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) recently traveled to Nigeria to pursue studies in international research.

The group conducted its work in Abuja City and its environs from June 9 to 30 under the guidance of Llewellyn Cornelius, PhD, LCSW, professor, University of Maryland School of Social Work, and Joshua Okundaye, PhD, LCSW-C, LICSW, associate professor, UMBC Department of Social Work. Together the two teach an advanced global health disparities research course that draws students who are earning a master’s degree from the School of Social Work or an undergraduate degree from UMBC.

For four of the 11 enrolled in the spring semester class, the course culminated in a firsthand look at the challenges and rewards of international research. They are UMB students Robi Rawl and Emily Van Oeveren; and UMBC students Valeria Castrillo and Greta Sanchez.

They learned about psychosocial research being conducted by the Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria (IHVN), which is an affiliate of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore.

“It’s one thing to talk about research in class; it’s another to see what they do,” says Cornelius, referring to the students’ observation of techniques used by IHVN, a multicultural, complex organization that has 61 sites in Nigeria. “We were able to witness cultural considerations relating to HIV care and disparities,” he says.

Cornelius and Okundaye—who was born in Nigeria—typically supervised teams made up of two students on daily trips to participating IHVN sites, the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital (UATH) in Gwagwalada, a town 29 miles from Abuja City, or the Mararaba Medical Center in Mararaba, 14 miles from Abuja City.

At the UATH and the Mararaba Medical Center, students interviewed women known as “mentor mothers,” because of their outreach to childbearing women like themselves who are HIV-positive. The mentors seek to prevent spread of the virus that causes AIDS through timely intervention with pregnant women, their children, and families within their communities, engaging them in Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission support groups, and helping secure pre- and postnatal care.

“It was incredibly humbling to be in the presence of these women. Each one has turned



COURTESY OF IHVN

The faculty-student team in Dagiri, Nigeria. Joshua Okundaye is second from right. Greta Sanchez is fifth from left and Robi Rawl is third from right.

a devastating situation into a lifesaving mission,” says Rawl of the mentors and their trainees.

The students also examined psychosocial data from the files of more than 100 HIV-positive patients, and presented a review of published social work research related to international HIV/AIDS that had been compiled by all those taking the UMB/UMBC course. The group also went to a church; a government office; and Poorest of the Poor Centre, Anawim Home—a home in Gwagwalada that organizes activities for orphans and street children, commercial sex workers, people with mental illness, and pregnant women living with HIV/AIDS.

Castrillo mentioned the various locations in Nigeria in her observations on the value of a social work career. She says she learned that “the psychosocial assessment and support systems are vital” in treating HIV/AIDS.

The 2012 trip was the first of what is expected to be a series of collaborations between the two University System of Maryland institutions and IHVN. Gabou Mendy, MD, MPH, TM, director of IHVN’s Office of Clinical and Community Programs and assistant professor of medicine at the IHV, has been instrumental in facilitating the studies. He says the interaction has had a positive impact upon IHVN by providing its staff “broadened social services tools and assessments to augment medical case management, collaborative research in social sciences, and advocacy with officials of the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Women’s Affairs and Social Welfare.”

Mendy adds: “The students also had a perspective of Nigeria that is not always evident from established impressions and recent news reports.”

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To see a photos from the global health students’ trip to Nigeria, visit <http://umvoice.com/photo-galleries/nigeria-2012>.

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